

LAUGHS WITH "THE LAST OF THE HARKERS"—INSIDE!

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EVERY MONDAY

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A STRANGE NEW THRILLER STARTS RIGHT HERE!

SARK the SLEEPER



CONTINUED OVERLEAF...

Tommy Dorsey and his Swing Band gave a special concert to monkeys at Philadelphia Zoo in 1940.



Neolithic men are said to have worshipped pine trees.



AN ASTONISHING SIGHT CONFRONTED GREG AND VAL!

SARK the SLEEPER



The Humber Bridge, to be completed by 1976, will be the world's longest suspension bridge.



WEIRD MONSTERS WERE LOOSE IN THE VAST STARSHIP!

SARK the SLEEPER



Scientists think eelgrass, a flowering plant that lives below the sea, may be a food of the future.



TERRIFIC THRILLS IN THIS GREAT WEIRD YARN!

SARK the SLEEPER

A WHOLE SPACE-SHIP SET OUT FROM EARTH ON A VOYAGE TO THE STARS WHICH WOULD TAKE CENTURIES. IT WAS COMPLETELY EQUIPPED TO KEEP ARMY GENERATIONS OF PASSENGERS ALIVE. OF THESE WHO SET OUT, ONLY SARK WOULD REACH THE DESTINATION, FOR HE HAD BEEN PUT INTO A DEEP SLEEP FROM WHICH HE WOULD AWAKEN TO TAKE CHARGE. BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG. THE SHIP GOT OFF COURSE. SARK SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG. TIME HAD BROUGHT NEW CHANGES. THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL PASSENGERS NO LONGER KNEW THE PURPOSE OF THE VOYAGE, OR EVEN THAT THEIR WORLD WAS A JUNK. AS SARK LEARNED FROM HIS RESCUERS, WHO HAD GUESSED...

SARK! WE ARE LOST IN THE LAND OF THE UGLIES! WE SHALL NEVER FIND OUR WAY HOME!

STOP TREASHING AROUND BOTH OF YOU! YOU'RE ONLY GETTING DEEPER IN THE SWAMP!

I'VE GOT TO REACH THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE, OR EVERYONE ABOARD IS DOOMED! IF I CAN IDENTIFY WHAT PART OF THE SHIP WE'RE IN, I'LL KNOW WHICH DIRECTION TO TAKE...

BUT EVERYTHING SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED! MUCH OF THE MACHINERY FOR RE-CYCLING THE WASTE PRODUCTS OF THE SHIP SO THAT THEY COULD BE RE-USED MUST HAVE STARTED BREAKING DOWN CENTURIES AGO...

THIS TREE-TRUNK SHOULD KEEP US ALL Afloat!

CLIMB ABOARD, WE'LL CRUISE AROUND AND I'LL TRY TO SPOT SOMETHING WHICH WILL GIVE US OUR BEARINGS.

THIS IS DANGEROUS COUNTRY — THE LAND OF THE UGLIES!

JUST WHO ARE THESE UGLIES? WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

NO ONE HAS EVER ACTUALLY SEEN AN UGLY! BUT WE KNOW THAT THEIR FOREFATHERS WERE EVIL MEN WHO FLED INTO THE WILDERNESS TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT.

THEY COMMITTED THE WORST CRIME OF ALL. THEY WASTED THINGS.

THAT FIGURES. WHEN THE SHIP STARTED ITS VOYAGE IT WAS KNOWN THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO KEEP RE-USING EVERYTHING ABOARD, UNTIL IT REACHED ITS DESTINATION. THE FIRST LAW DROVE UP FOR THE PASSENGERS WAS THAT ALL WASTE WAS FORBIDDEN!

Australian composer Percy Grainger wrote a piece of music for 40 guitars and mandolins.

THEY LITTLE REPLIED THAT THEY WERE BEING WATCHED BY A SMALL BOY, RISID WITH TENDRILS...



A BLOOD-CHILLING CRY ECHOED THROUGH THE SWAMP.



STRANGE BEINGS CAME SWINGING THROUGH THE BRANCHES.



SARK WAS SUDDENLY PROVED RIGHT, AS THE FRIGHTENED BOY LOST HIS GRIP.



MONSTROUS SWAMP CREATURES WERE ATTRACTED TOWARDS THE STRUGGLING BOY.



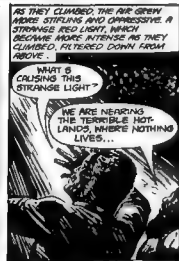
THE STRANGE WORLD OF THE GIANT STAR-SHIP!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK'S JOB WAS TO AWAKEN AND TAKE COMMAND OF A FAST SPACESHIP WHEN IT NEARED THE END OF A CENTURIES-LONG VOYAGE TO THE STARS. BUT THE SHIP WENT OFF-COURSE, AND SARK SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG! WHEN HE WAS ACCIDENTALLY AWAKENED BY WIL AND GREG, IT WAS TO FIND THE SHIP IN A STATE OF DECAY AND THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL PASSENGERS, WHO HAD BECOME DIVIDED INTO HOSTILE GROUPS OF 'BODDIES' AND 'LIESIES', UNWAVING OF THE PURPOSE OF THE VOYAGE, OR EVEN THAT THEIR WORLD WAS STRUCKSHIP ON THE VERGE OF DESTRUCTION. WIL AND GREG WERE TRYING TO GET SARK TO THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE WHEN THEY RAN INTO A GROUP OF LIESIES.

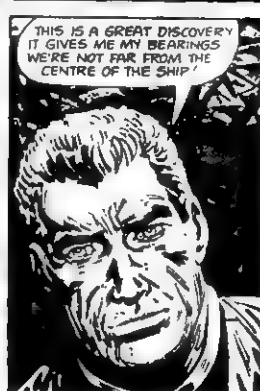
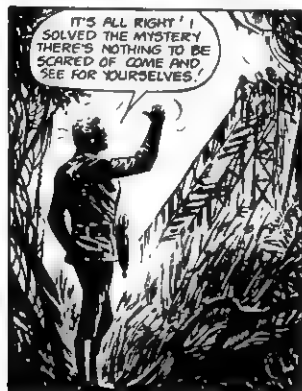


irst official heavyweight boxing champ, John L. Sullivan, was a plumber by trade.

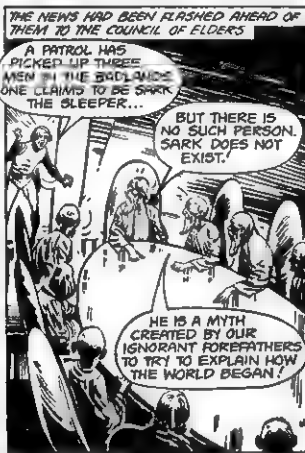


ARREST AND TRIAL - FOR TELLING THE TRUTH!

SARK the SLEEPER



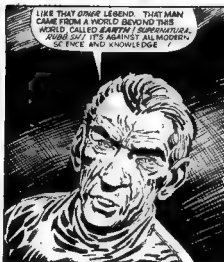
A Parisian bomb-disposal squad blew up a suspicious parcel — to find it contained 6 chicken sandwiches.



NEXT WEEK: THE TRIAL!

"THERE IS NO SUCH PERSON AS SARK THE SLEEPER!"

SARK the SLEEPER



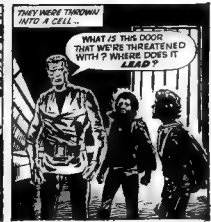
Iceland was settled by Norse pioneers in 874 A.D.



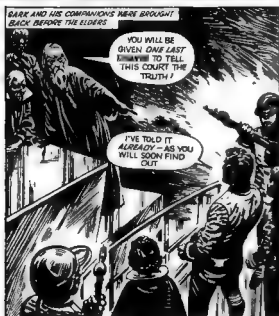
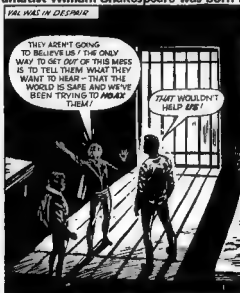
SARK WAS THROWN TO THE FLOOR AND OVERWHELMED!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK'S JOB WAS TO AWAKEN SO THAT HE COULD TAKE COMMAND OF A FAST SPACE SHIP WHEN IT REACHED THE END OF ITS CENTURIES-LONG VOYAGE TO THE STARS. BUT THE SHIP WENT OFF-COURSE. SARK SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG. WHEN HE WAS FOUND BY VAL AND GORE, HE LEARNED THAT THE PRESENT DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL PASSENGERS NO LONGER KNEW THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VOYAGE OR WERE AWARE THAT THEIR WORLD WAS A DECAYING SHADOWS ON THE VERGE OF DESTRUCTION. IN DESPERATION, SARK TRIED TO FORCE THE LEADER OF THE RUING ELDERS TO TAKE HIM TO THE SHIP'S NAVIGATION BRIDGE...



Famous dramatist William Shakespeare was born in 1564.



THROUGH THE DREADED DOOR-OF-NO-RETURN!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK'S LINE AIMS TO ABANDON AND TAKE COMMAND OF A WEST FRIGATESHIP WHEN IT REACHED THE END OF ITS CENTURIES-LONG JOURNEY TO THE STARS. BUT THE SHIP WENT OFF COURSE. SARK STAYED A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG - AND WHEN HE AWOKE, THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL INSECTMEN NO LONGER KNEW THE PURPOSE OF THE VOYAGE. SO EVEN THAT THEIR WORLD WAS A DUMP. THEY REFUSED TO LISTEN TO SARK. EVEN WHEN THE ALARM SIGNALS GOBAY TO ONE WARNING THAT THE ANCIENT SPACECRAFT WAS ON THE VERGE OF DESTRUCTION.

WHAT ANDRE PROOF DO YOU NEED? YOU CAN HEAR AND SEE THE WARNINGS FOR YOURSELF! THE SHIP WILL SOON START TO **BREAK UP!**

IT IS ALL SOME WICKED TRICK TO DECEIVE US! THIS MAN IS **EVIL!**

THE NEWS OF SARK'S RETURN HAD SPREAD THROUGH THE SHIP. IT CAUSED BRIBING, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ALARMS BEGAN TO SOUND.

BEHOLD THE STARS AND WONDERS! HOW CAN YOU **ENEMY**? THAT SARK IS TELLING US THE TRUTH?

BUT SARK HAD OPPONENTS AS WELL AS SUPPORTERS

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S A **TRICKABLE** AND **NEED!**

HE'S TRYING TO **DECEIVE** OUR WORLD!

EVERYTHING WAS FINE UNTIL THIS MAN WHO CLAIMS TO BE SARK TURNED UP!

WE MUST **SAVE** SARK!

NO! LET THE ELDERS DECIDE.

AN AGITATED MESSENGER REPORTED TO THE SESSION OF ELDERS.

THERE'S FIGHTING IN THE STREETS/SARK'S SUPPORTERS ARE **MEETING** IN **SECRET!**

LET **ME** TALK TO THEM - TRY TO EXPLAIN! **MAYBE** I CAN GET THEM **QUIET!**

NO! YOU HAVE CAUSED TOO MUCH TROUBLE **ALREADY!**

THE ELDERS HAVE CONFERRED TOGETHER AND HAVE COME TO A **DECISION!** YOU ARE A **THREAT** TO THE SAFETY OF THE WORLD! YOU WILL BE SENT THROUGH THE **DOOR OF NO RETURN!** ALL THREE OF YOU!

YOU, WHO WITH HIS PAL GREG HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SARK AND BRINGING HIM BACK, CAVED OUT IN PROTEST.

NO, NO! IT'S NOT FAIR! WHY SHOULD **ME** SUFFER FOR ANYTHING HE'S SAID? WE'VE DONE **NOTHING!**

SHOULD **WE** **VAL?**

The drongo is a crow-like bird living in India, Australia and Africa.



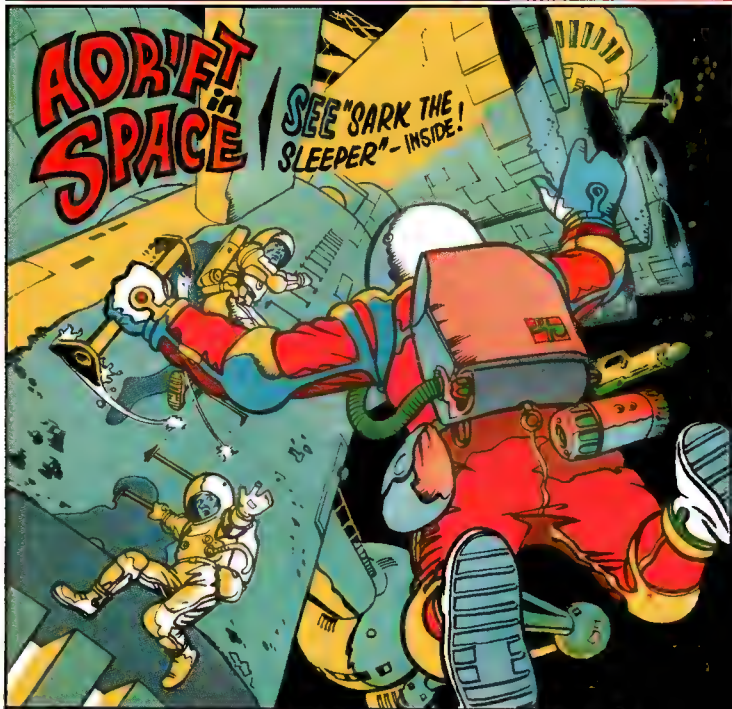
WEIRD THRILLS WITH "ADAM ETERNO"—INSIDE!

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VAL WAS ADRIFT IN SPACE!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK'S JOB WAS TO AWAKEN AND TAKE COMMAND OF A FAST SPACESHIP WHEN IT REACHED THE END OF ITS CENTURIES-LONG VOYAGE TO THE STARS. BUT THE SHIP WENT OFF COURSE. SARK SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG. AND WHEN HE WAKES, THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL PASSENGERS NO LONGER KNOW THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VOYAGE OR EVEN THAT THEIR WORLD WAS A SHIP. SARK WAS REGARDED AS A DANGEROUS TROUBLE-MAKER AND, ALONG WITH VAL AND GREG, WHO HAD WAKENED HIM, WAS CONDEMNED TO BE SENT THROUGH THE DOOR OF NO RETURN...

LET'S MAKE ONE LAST TRY TO GET BACK—BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE! WE MUST TRUST SARK.

BE PREPARED FOR SHOCKS...

SARK'S WARNING DIDN'T COME A MOMENT TOO SOON! AS THE DOOR CLOSED, THE DARKNESS AROUND THEM WAS DISBELLED BY BRILLIANT LIGHT.

WHAT FRESH MAGIC IS THIS?

THERE'S NO MAGIC! EVEN AFTER ALL THE CENTURIES THE SHIP HAS BEEN TRAVELLING THROUGH SPACE, THE EMERGENCY LIGHTS ARE STILL WORKING!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE SHIP, A GREAT GRASP OF AWE WENT UP FROM THE WATCHING THROWS.

THEY HAVE GONE FOR EVER.

THEY WILL NEVER BE SEEN AGAIN.

SARK WAS WORKING SWIFTLY.

THIS IS AN AIR LOCK! IT'S A MEANS OF GETTING OUTSIDE THE SHIP! COME ON—WE MUST MOVE FAST!

I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW TO GET INTO YOUR SPACE SUITS! I'LL ONLY HAVE TIME TO TELL YOU ONCE—SO MAKE SURE YOU GET IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME! BECAUSE WHEN THE OUTER DOOR OPENS ALL THE AIR WILL ESCAPE! WE'VE GOT ABOUT TWO MINUTES! COME ON!

JUST BEFORE THE DOOR OPENS, THE LIGHTS WILL GO OUT! I'M WARNING YOU NOW, SO THAT YOU WON'T PANIC...

EVEN AS SARK SPOKE THE LIGHTS DIMMED SWIFTLY—AND...

HOLD TIGHT—OR YOU'LL BE SACKED OUT AS THE AIR LEAVES IN A SUDDEN RUSH!

Watling Street is the name of an ancient Roman road that ran from the South Coast to Shropshire.



RESCUED FROM A SOLITARY DEATH IN SPACE!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK SHOULD HAVE AWAKENED TO TAKE COMMAND OF A FAST SPACESHIP WHEN IT REACHED THE END OF ITS CONTINUED JOURNALS VOYAGE TO THE STARS. BUT THE SHIP WENT OFF COURSE AND HE SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG. WHEN VAL AND GREG NOTICED HIM, THE INHABITANTS OF THE SHIP, DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL PIONEERS, DECIDED TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE ABOARD A SHIP ON A VOYAGE FROM ONE WORLD TO ANOTHER. SARK, VAL AND GREG WERE CONVINCED TO DEATH, BUT ESCAPED ON TO THE MULL OF THE SHIP IN SPACE SUITS. THEN - VAL ACCIDENTALLY LOST HIS MIND, AND DRIFTED AWAY.



GREG WAS HORRIFIED



HE SKILFULLY STEERED HIMSELF TOWARDS VAL



UTILISING THE RECOIL EFFECT OF THE PISTOL, HE DROVE THEM BOTH BACK TOWARDS THE SHIP



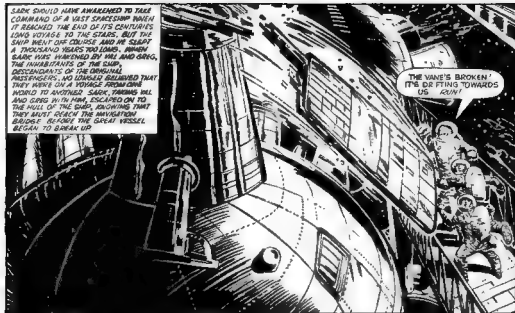
Regular broadcasts of "The Archers" radio programme are helping to teach Gurkha soldiers English.



DEADLY PERIL IN OUTER SPACE!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK SHOULD HAVE AWAKENED TO TAKE COMMAND OF A VAST SPACESHIP WHEN IT REACHED THE END OF ITS CONTINUOUS LONG VOYAGE TO THE STARS, BUT THE SHIP WENT OFF COURSE AND HE SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG. FINALLY SARK WAS AWAKENED BY MEL AND GREG, THE INHERITERS OF THE SHIP. DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL PASSENGERS, NO LONGER BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE ON A VOYAGE FROM ONE WORLD TO ANOTHER. SARK, TENDING MEL AND GREG IN HIS HULL, KNOWING THAT THEY MUST REACH THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE, REACHED THE GREAT VESSEL BEGAN TO BREAK UP.



"THE VANE'S BROKEN! IT'S DRIFTING TOWARDS US. RUN!"

IT WAS IN THE ZERO-GRAVITY CONDITIONS OF SPACE, THE MASS VESSEL, OBJECT CRASHED AGAINST THE OXYGEN.



"THAT MAN! CLOSE!"



"BUT THE DANGER WAS NOT OVER."

"HANG ON FOR YOUR LIVES!"

"SARK, WHAT IS HAPPENING?"



"THE SHIP IS EVEN CLOSER TO FINAL DESTRUCTION THAN I REALIZED. IT IS WORKING OUT, STARTING TO FALL TO 8-10."



THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT IF WE DON'T REACH THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE SOON, THE SHIP WILL FALL APART, AND EVERYONE ABOARD WILL PERISH!"



"IT CAN'T BE TRUE! IT MUST BE A NIGHTMARE. WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED OUR WORLD, WHICH HAS EXISTED SINCE TIME BEGAN, WOULD GO ON THE SAME FOR EVER. IT CAN'T BE COMING TO AN END!"

YOU'VE GOT TO GET IT INTO YOUR HEAD THAT YOUR WORLD ALREADY ALWAYS EXISTED. IT WAS BUILT, BUT DURING THE THOUSAND YEARS, I WAS SLEEPING YOUR FOREFATHERS FORGOT THE EARTH FROM WHICH THEY CAME, AND THE REASON WHY YOUR ANCESTORS STARTED OUT ON THIS SPACE VOYAGE!"



The human body sheds skin particles constantly and changes its surface every few days.



STRANGE WINGED CREATURES RUSHED AT SARK AND CO.!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK SHOULD HAVE AWAKENED TO TAKE COMMAND OF A VAST SPACE-SHIP WHEN IT REACHED THE END OF ITS CENTURIES LONG JOURNEY TO THE STARS. BUT THE SHIP WENT OFF COURSE AND SARK SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LONG. BEFORE HE WAS AWAKENED BY HAL AND GREG, THE DESCENDANTS OF THE ORIGINAL JASSA GERS REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT THEIR WORLD HAD A DOOMING SPACE SHIP, OR TO HEED SARK'S WARNING THAT HE MUST BE ALLOWED TO TAKE CHARGE. BUT HAL AND GREG HE ESCAPED ON TO THE HULL, AND HE ENTERED THE SHIP THROUGH THE AIR LOCK.



WE'VE GOT TO HERE - PLEASE ME THE TORCH!

WE WE DAREN'T TRY TO GO DOWN THERE

WE ARE ENTERING WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY A VAST FOOD-GROWING AREA! BUT THE "AUTOMAT" CONTROLS MUST HAVE BROKEN DOWN CENTURIES AGO. SO WE'VE GOT TO GO ONCE BECOME A VAST JUNGLE!



THE SHIP CARRIED A GREAT COLLECTION OF BIRDS, ENCLOSED IN A VAST AIR. AFTER THINGS BROKE DOWN, AND THE LIGHT HAD LED THEY MUST HAVE EVOLVED INTO CREATURES ADAPTED TO LIVING IN THE DARK.

SARK SHINE THE TORCH

LOOK! THOSE EYES! DREADFUL MONSTERS ARE WATCHING US!



THERE WAS A SUDDEN FRANTIC BEATING OF WINGS - AND

THEY'RE ATTACKING US!



DON'T PANIC! THEY'RE FAR MORE FRIGHTENED THAN YOU ARE! IT'S THE LIGHT! AM GOING TO SWITCH OFF THE LIGHT UNTIL THEY QUIETEN DOWN!



SARK WAITED UNTIL HE WAS SURE THE STRANGE BIRDS HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN BY



ONE OF THEM - HERE'S NOT ME - WASTE TIME - LET'S GO TO SAFETY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE TO BREAK UP!

FOLLOW ME! AND CLOSE THE HATCH BEHIND YOU!



IS IT SAFE?

SARK WAS BEGINNING TO LOSE PATIENCE WITH THE TIMIDITY OF HIS COMPANIONS

LISTEN - IT'S TIME YOU GOT IT THROUGH YOUR HEADS. NOTHING ON THIS SHIP IS SAFE! EVERYBODY ABOARD, INCLUDING OURSELVES, WILL PERISH IN A FEW HOURS. WHEN IT OCCURS, I WE DON'T MOVE FAST - AND TAKE RISKS!



The game of skittles originated in Germany, where it was known as kegel.



THE UGLIES PREPARED TO STRIKE!



SARK WAS AWAKENED A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LATE, BY VAL AND GREG, TO TAKE COMMAND OF A FAST SPACE SHIP ON A JOURNEY TO THE STARS. THE SHIP WAS NEARING DESTRUCTION. SARK WAS TRYING TO REACH ITS NAVIGATION BRIDGE IN TIME TO SAVE IT, AND WAS MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH AN AREA OF THE SHIP WHICH HAD LONG SINCE FALLEN INTO DECAY.



SLOW DOWN A BIT, SARK. I COULDN'T WE STOP FOR A REST? I'M TIRED.



THIS IS NO TIME TO START COMPLAINING, VAL! YOU'LL BE MORE THAN JUST TIRED IF WE REACH THE BRIDGE TOO LATE!



THIS SPACE-SHIP HAS STARTED TO BREAK TO PIECES! WE'VE GOT TO GET IT UNDER CONTROL AND LAND IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE IT SPLITS APART AND KILLS EVERYONE ABOARD!

SARK DID NOT REALISE THAT HIS TORCH HAD BEEN SEEN BY A PARTY OF WILD MEN CALLED UGLIES, DESCENDANTS OF PASSENGERS WHO HAD BEEN BANISHED TO A REMOTE PART OF THE SHIP AND HAD DEGENERATED INTO SUPERSTITIOUS SAVAGES.



THERE HAS NEVER BEEN LIGHT IN THE LAND OF NO LIGHT! IT IS MAGIC!

IT IS BAD! WE MUST FOLLOW AND KILL!



SARK HAD PAUSED TO CHECK HIS BEARINGS.

WHAT'S THAT?

A DIAGRAM OF THE LAYOUT OF THIS DECK WHEN THE SHIP WAS BUILT!



THAT WAS THE POWER SUB-STATION FOR THIS SECTION! IT MIGHT BE WORTH SPARING A FEW MINUTES TO SEE IF WE CAN GET THE LIGHTS BACK ON!



THE UGLIES HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO TERRIBLE AS SARK AND HIS COMPANIONS IN THEIR SPACE SUITS.

MONSTERS! AND THEY ARE DESCENDING AMONG US!

THE MAGIC LIGHT WAS A WARNING OF EVIL!

WE MUST DESTROY THESE TERRIBLE CREATURES BEFORE THEY CAN ATTACK US!

The bi-athlon is a winter sports event, combining ski-ing and rifle shooting.



"SEEK SARK OUT—AND DESTROY HIM!"

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK WAS AWAKENED A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LATE, BY VAL AND GREG, TO TAKE COMMAND OF A VAST BRANCH OF AN JOURNEY TO THE STARS. THE INHABITANTS AND FOR MANY GENERATIONS HAD FORGOTTEN THAT THEIR PEOPLE WAS A SHIP, AND THAT THEIR ANCESTORS HAD STARTED OUT ON A GREAT VOYAGE. NOW THE ANCIENT SHIP WAS NEARLY DESTRUCTION, AND SARK WAS TRYING TO REACH ITS NAVIGATION BRIDGE IN TIME TO SAVE IT. IN A DREADED AREA OF THE SHIP WHERE THE LIGHTS HAD LONG SINCE FAILED, SARK WAS SET UPON BY GIGLES, WHO HAD RESEMBLED INTO A GIGASARY.

IF MY REPAIRS HOLD, WE SHOULD GET THE LIGHTS GOING AGAIN!



AS SOON AS I REACH THE DOOR—HOLD THAT SWITCH!

Y-YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT THERE AGAINST THOSE AWAKENING SAVAGES?



BUT IT WILL ONLY HELP THE GIGLES TO SEE US BETTER—AND THEY'RE OUT TO KILL US!



CAN YOU SUGGEST A BETTER IDEA? WE CAN'T JUST LET THEM KEEP US COOKING UP IN THIS PLACE!



WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE—SO THAT I CAN BRING THIS SHIP UNDER CONTROL AND FIND A SUITABLE PLANET WHERE WE CAN LAND! NO ONE ELSE CAN DO IT! YOUR PEOPLE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW EVEN IF I COULD CONVINCE THEM THAT THEIR WORLD IS A SHIP!

SARK WAS BREATHING ON THE EFFECT CARRYING HIS AIRCRAFT UNDER ITS OWN STEERING POWER IN THE DARKNESS, WHICH HE STEPPED THROUGH THE DOOR...



AAARGH!

HE CARRIES HIS HEAD UNDER HIS ARM!

THEN, AS GREG CLOSED THE MASTER SWITCH, LONG-EXTINGUISHED FLUORESCENT LAMPS SPATTERED AND GLOWED AS THEY BEGAN TO BURN...



SPHT!

ZZZZ!

ARISE! HE MOVES GREAT MONDERS

THE LIGHTS BLAZED OUT EVERYWHERE



WHO IS THIS MIGHTY BEING WHO'S BORNNESS SARK TO THE DARKNESS?

The nautical measure, a fathom, was originally based on the span of a man's arms.



THE ARMED UGLIBS TIMIDLY BROUGHT GIFTS AND LAID THEM AT SARK'S FEET.

ACCEPT THESE HUMBLE GIFTS, OH KNIGHT WORKER OF GREAT WONDERS!



VAL WAS IMPATIENT TO BE OFF...

MURRY! WE'LL NEVER GET A BETTER CHANCE THAN THIS TO ESCAPE FROM THE UGLIBS!

WE'RE NOT LEAVING YET!



THIS IS A STOREROOM! THERE MAY BE STUFF OF TREMENDOUS VALUE TO US WE'LL BE ABLE TO CHECK!



AT THAT MOMENT, THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS WAS RECEIVING ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE NEWS.

HOW DARE YOU DISTURB THE COUNCIL IN SESSION!

MASTER! ALARMING TOWN! ONE OF OUR OUTPOST PATROLS HAS REPORTED GREAT ARMIES IN THE DARKLANDS!



THE REPORT CREATED UPGRADE IN THE COUNCIL.

IMPOSSIBLE! SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE LIGHT, AND SOME ARE DARK, THERE CANNOT BE A LIGHT WHERE THERE SHOULD BE DARK!

BUT ANCIENT LEGENDS TELL THAT ONCE ALL THE WORLD WAS LIGHT!

AND THAT WHEN SARK AWOKES THE LIGHT WILL BE RESTORED!



BUT SARK IS DEAD!

SOME SAY HE LIVES AGAIN AND HAS RETURNED!

SINCE SARK AWOKES MUCH EVIL HAS BEFALLEN US! I SEE THIS AS AN OMEN OF HORROR TO COME! IF HE LIVES, SEEK HIM OUT AND DESTROY HIM!



MEANWHILE, SARK HAD MADE A LUGERLY DISCOVERY

EMERGENCY ADD: RATIONS! AND IN GOOD CONDITION, TOO! IT REMINDS ME THAT MY STARVING! LET'S HAVE DINNER!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT THEY WERE ALREADY DEAFENED BY AN OUTCRY OF TERRIFYING NOISE

THRRMMMM! CRASH!



SOME ANGRY BRANT IS STALKING THROUGH THE FOREST AND HURLING TREES AT US! WE ARE DOOMED!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? DON'T ANY OF YOU HAVE THE ANSWER?

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THE METAL MONSTER WITH THE KILLER-TENTACLES!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK HAD AWAKENED 1000 YEARS TOO LATE BY VAL AND GREG TO TAKE COMMAND OF A FAST SPACE-SHIP ON A JOURNEY FROM EARTH TO THE STARS. THE INHABITANTS OF MANY SUNSHINY PLANETS HAD FORGOTTEN THAT THEIR WORLD WAS A SHIP AND THAT THEIR ANCESTORS HAD SET OUT ON A GREAT VOYAGE. SOME IN DANGERED AREAS OF THE SHIP HAD BECOME DAMAGED. SARK, TRYING TO REACH THE HARBOR OF SLEEP, HAD JUST RESTORED LIGHT TO ONE OF THE DARK AREAS — JESSEN.

HE HAS ROUSED A MONSTER!

I CERTAINLY SEEM TO HAVE ACTIVATED MORE THAN THE LIGHTS WHEN I RESTORED THE POWER CIRCUITS!

IT DOES NO GOOD STANDING HERE. WE MUST FIND OUT WHAT'S CAUSING ALL THE TROUBLE. AND TRY TO PUT A STOP TO IT!

CAREFUL! IT MUST BE SOMETHING WITH SUCH TERRIBLE STRENGTH THAT IT COULD DESTROY EVEN YOU!

GREG TURNED TO VAL...

COME ON! WE CAN'T LET HIM GO IN THERE ALONE!

KRUAAH!! SNIFF!!

AH—WHAT KIND OF MONSTER IS IT?

BZZZZ!

IT'S NOT A MONSTER! IT'S A MACHINE!

SARK ESCAPED DEATH BY HURDLES AS HE DROPPED BETWEEN THE SLEEPING METAL ARMS TO REACH THE MACHINE.

HE DARES TO FIGHT THE MONSTER!

IT WILL TEAR HIM TO PIECES!

THEN HE SWITCHED THE MACHINE OFF.

THIS PLACE WAS ORIGINALLY A VAST PLANTATION FOR KEEPING THE SHIP SUPPLIED WITH TIMBER. THE MACHINE WAS USED TO MARRY THE TREES!

The griffin is a mythical creature with an eagle's head and the body of a lion.



"THE DAY OF DOOM HAS ARRIVED!"

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK HAD AWAKENED A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LATE BY HIS OWN DESIGN. TO TAKE COMMAND OF A MASS SPACE SHIP ON ITS JOURNEY FROM SARKIN TO THE STARS, SARK WAS TRYING TO REACH THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE BEFORE THE ARCADE COULD GET BEYOND CONTROL AND DESTROYED EVERYONE ABOARD. IN A DCAVING, PART OF THE SHIP, HE ENCOUNTERED A TRIBE WHO HAD DEVOTED TO SIVAGHOY. THEY WERE HUNGRY AND HE WAS SMILING FOOD WITH THEM.

THE POT'S EMPTY!

BUT MORE AND MORE LIGHS ARE COMING TO BE FED!

DON'T PANIC! THERE'S ENOUGH CONCENTRATED FOOD HERE TO FEED THE ENTIRE SHIP! JUST KEEP PLAINITY OF WATER BOILING!

SARK WAS UNWARE THAT HE WAS BEING WATCHED BY A CONTROL FROM THE CIVILIZED PART OF THE SHIP, SENT TO JUMP HIM DOWN...

THIS IS A GREAT MARVEL! ALL ARE FED. YET THE POT STAYS FULL!

WE MUST RETURN TO REPORT THIS TO THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS!

BUT WILL ANYONE BELIEVE US?

MIGHTY IS SARK, THE MAKER OF LIGHT, THE GIVER OF FOOD...

THE VAST, ANCIENT SHIP WAS NEARER DESTRUCTION THAN EVEN SARK REALIZED.

ON YOUR FEET! IF YOU'RE ALL HAD ENOUGH, WE MUST PUSH ON TO THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE!

THE AIR GAVE MORE BITTER! SARK BEGAN TO ALL, TO THE TERROR OF THE LIGHS WHO HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE IN THEIR LIVES.

O-STRANGE DEMONS HAVE TAKEN POSSESSION OF ME! I C-CANNOT KEEP MY LIMBS STILL!

WE CAN'T GO ON!

WE'VE VERY LITTLE TIME LEFT! THE SHIP IS BREAKING UP! I'VE GOT TO GET IT UNDER CONTROL AND MAKE A SAFE PLANETFALL BEFORE IT COMPLETELY FALLS TO PIECES!

SARK GAVE A SUDDEN DIVER - AND REALIZED THAT EVERYONE WAS BEGINNING TO LOOK BLUE WITH COLD...

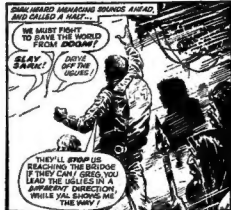
ERROR! THE TEMPERATURES FALLING! THAT'S A BAD SIGN!

TEMPERATURE? WHAT IS THAT? I HEARD NOTHING FALL!

KEEP GOING! YOU MUST! THERE'S HARDLY ANY TIME LEFT! THE SYSTEMS THAT HAVE KEPT THE SHIP STABLE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS ARE COLLAPSING!



John Dory is a type of fish, sometimes found in British waters.



THE VAST STARSHIP WAS CRUMBLING TO BITS!

SARK the SLEEPER

SARK THE SLEEPER HAD AWAKENED A THOUSAND YEARS TOO LATE TO TAKE COMMAND OF A VAST SPACE SHIP ON ITS JOURNEY FROM EARTH TO THE STARS. THE LATEST SHIP WAS BREAKING UP, BUT SARK JOINTLY TO REACH THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE, THE FORTIFIED HEADQUARTERS OF THE SHIP, COORDINATORS OF THE ORIGINAL VOYAGE, TRIED TO STOP HIM.

SARK, THE MOST ALONELY CREIGHT UP WITH US!

THE DOOR'S JAMMED! I'LL HAVE TO SWIM THROUGH THE LOCK!

SARK BURST THE DOOR OPEN IN THE MICK OF TIME.

WE ARE THE FIRST TO ENTER THIS FORBIDDEN PLACE SINCE TIME BEGAN!

TRUE... THE SHIP HAS BEEN RUNNING ON AUTOMATIC CONTROLS FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS! NOW I MUST TAKE OVER! LET'S HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE!

THE GIANT SPACECRAFT WAS BREAKING UP FROM AGE AND DECAY.

THE SHIP MAY ALREADY BE TOO FAR GONE FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO LOCATE A HABITABLE PLANET AND TAKE US TO IT!

SARK HAS OUTGROWN THE LAW!

HE WILL BRING TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT ON US!

SLAY HIM!

SMART CIRCUITS IN THE POWER LINES CHIRPED BLINDING FLAMES WHICH SCATTERED SARK'S PURSUERS.

BACK! THE EVIL SARK, WORKS TERRIBLE MUCKCRAFT!

SUDDENLY A GREAT VOICE THUNDERED THROUGH THE SHIP - AMAZING EVEN SARK.

WHAT SHIP ARE YOU? HEARD TO AND IDENTIFY YOURSELVES!

AAAAAHH! WHO SPEAKS? WHENCE COMES THIS TERRIBLE VOICE?

IT'S INCREDIBLE! IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S ANOTHER SHIP OUT THERE!

A Viennese lady who hated her relatives burned her entire fortune the day before she died.



ATTENTION! THIS IS THE ADMIRAL COMMANDING **NEW EARTH SPACE FLEET**! WE HAVE HAD YOUR APPROACH UNDER OBSERVATION FOR THE PAST HUNDRED DAYS! I AM GENDING A BOARDING PARTY! MAKE NO HOSTILE MOVES!



SARK TURNED TO GARG IN DENUDEMENT... IT'S INCREDIBLE! I WAS PREPARED FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT THIS! THAT THERE SHOULD BE PEOPLE HERE WAITING FOR US!



GARG IS ALL VAL WHO HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF A WILD TRIBE IDEAL TO SARK... JOINING ON THE NAVIGATION BRIDGE.

WHAT IS HAPPENING? EVERYONE IS TERRIFIED! THEY ARE SURE IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!

NOT THE END! A NEW BEGINNING!

WE ARE ABOUT TO BE VISITED BY BEINGS FROM BEYOND



THE BOARDING PARTY ARRIVED.

WHAT SHIP IS THIS? IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A MUSEUM! DAMMIT! IT'S FALLING TO PIECES!

MY NAME IS SARK! I WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE FIRST STARSHIP EVER LAUNCHED FROM THE SOLAR SYSTEM! BUT SOMETHING WENT WRONG.



YOU'RE SARK? AND LEARN ABOUT YOU IN THESE HISTORY LESSONS! THEY GAVE UP SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS! NO WONDER YOU TOOK SO LONG TO GET HERE! FASTER-THAN-LIGHT TRAVEL HADN'T BEEN INVENTED WHEN YOUR YOUNG GRANDFATHER A THOUSAND YEARS IN SPACE? PREH!

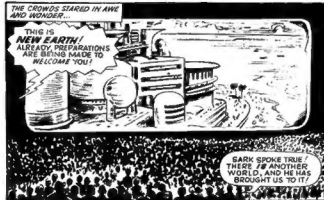


WAIT UNTIL THE ADMIRAL HEARS ABOUT THIS! FROM THE STATE OF YOUR SHIP I'D SAY WE FOUND YOU JUST IN TIME! WE'LL TAKE YOU IN TON! YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN!



THE ANCIENT SHIP WAS TOWED TOWARDS THE PLANET.

SWITCH ON THE VISION SCREENS! LET THE PEOPLE SEE WHERE THEY ARE GOING!



THE CROWDS STARED IN AWE AND WONDER...

THIS IS **NEW EARTH**! ALREADY PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE TO WELCOME YOU!

SARK SPOKE TRUE! THERE IS ANOTHER WORLD, AND HE HAS BROUGHT US TO IT!



ARIGHT IS SARK!

HE SHALL BE COMPAISED FOR EVER!

HE HAS BROUGHT US TO OUR **JOURNEY'S END!**

THE END